



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: LEWIS DITCH FISH PASSAGE PROJECT SOUTH NACHES CHANNEL

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project will install five rock bands downstream of the existing concrete check dam for Lewis Ditch in the South Naches Channel to provide fish passage for all life stages and species of fish. Large wood (rootwads) will be incorporated in the design to provide in-stream cover in the South Naches Channel. Approximately 200 linear feet of the channel will be impacted due to construction and revegetation will occur along both banks. There will be no changes to the fish screen or operation of Lewis Ditch with implementation of this project; irrigation activities will continue as normal, within their adjudicated rights.

Proponent/Applicant: YAKIMA NATION

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Location of Proposal: About 1.5 miles south of the City of Naches, on Craig Road, property begins about 500 feet west of the intersection with South Naches Road in Yakima County; N.E. 1/4 of Section 9, Township 14 North, Range 17 East WM.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 25, 2011**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE:

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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